(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase atomic power generation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the projection made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) During the IX Plan, a target capacity addition of 880 MWe was set for the production of atomic energy. This has been achieved by the completion of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP)-3&4 (2x220 MWe) and Kaiga Atomic Power Project-1&2 (2x220 MWe).

(b) Yes, Sir. For the X Plan, a target of 1300 MWe has been set for capacity addition in nuclear power. The total nuclear power generation capacity at the end of X Plan will be 4020 MWe.

(c) The capacity addition of 1300 MWe in X Plan will be achieved by completion of Tarapur Atomic Power Project-3&4 (2x500 MWe) being uprated to(2x540 MWe) and Kaiga Atomic Power Project-3 (220 MWe), one out of the two units of Kaiga Atomic Power Project-3&4 (2x220 MWe). The work on these projects is progressing as per schedule.

In addition, nuclear power capacity addition of 2660 MWe is also planned for the first two years of the XI Plan by the completion of Kaiga Atomic Power Project-4 (220 MWe), RAPP-5&6 (2x220 MWe) and Kudankulam (2x1000 MWe) projects, which are presently under construction.

Theft of Nuclear Materials

†216. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of theft of nuclear materials from the various atomic institutions of India which came to light during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases in which stolen nuclear materials recovered; and

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(c) the fresh steps Government proposed to take to check the theft of the nuclear materials from various institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part(a).

(c) Adequate security measures are already in place at various nuclear installations in the country to prevent any theft of nuclear material.

Misuse of PCO of Handicapped Quota

†217. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Jansatta' dated the 28th August, 2002 (published from Lucknow) under the column Shaharnama under the title "Viklang Kote Ke PCO ka Jamkar Durupyog";

(b) if so, the number of cases which came to Government's notice during the last one year;

(c) the reasons for which handicapped are compelled to sell their PCOs; and

(d) Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Government in last one year as confirmed by U.P. Telecom Circle Office.

(c) and (d) Sale of PCOs is not permissible as per policy. However, an allottee may surrender the PCO due to various reasons such as migration from one place to another, better employment etc.

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